THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Extension of Metro Railway from Tollygunj to Garia

@373. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether West Bengal Government has sent a proposal to the Central Government regarding extension of the Metro Railway from Tollygunj to Garia;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether the Metro authorities have also finalised a blue-print for the expansion of the metro from Salt Lake to Ramarajatala; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) to (d) During the period 1971-75, the Metropolitan Transport Project (Railways) Organisation in Calcutta had carried out feasibility studies for a mass rapid transit system for the city and had recommended provision of a Metro Railway network or the following corridors:—

Phase I: Dum Dum-Tollyganj — North South corridor (16.43 kms).

Phase II: (a) Extension of Dum Dum — Tollygunj corridor to Garia (8.067 kms.)

(b) Sailt Lake City—Ramrajatala—East-West corridor (17.088 kms).

Phase III: Dakshineshwar-Thakkurpukur 2nd North-South corridor (26.073 kms).

Out of the above, Phase I has already been sanctioned and is under execution.

Tamil telecast from Madras Doordarshan

374. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that more than 50 per cent of the population of Tamil Nadu are unable to see the Tamil Telecasts from Madras Doordarshan;

(b) whether Government propose to take any constructive steps to augment the Tamil Telecast; and

(c) whether Government propose to link Madras Doordarshan with INSAT-IC?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) At present the programmes produced and telecast by Madras Doordarshan Kendra are relayed only by the Madras and Kodaikanal high power transmitters. These two transmitters cover about 59% population of Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c) It has been decided to shortly commence telecast of regional service for a limited duration every day by all the transmitters in the State by utilisation of space segment facilities of INSAT-IB/IC.

Review of policy in respect of poultry sector

375. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Egg Coordination Committee has recom-

@Previously Unstarred Question 170, transferred from the 27th July, 1988.